

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes _____
no _____

Property Name: "Gent Store," Butler Village Inventory Number: BA-553
Address: SW corner, Falls Road and Butler Road City: Butler Zip Code: 21023
County: Baltimore County USGS Topographic Map: Hereford
Owner: _____ Is the property being evaluated a district? yes
Tax Parcel Number: _____ Tax Map Number: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____
Project: Butler Stone Quarry Agency: Federal Communications Commission
Site visit by MHT staff: X no _____ yes _____ Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property located within a historic district? X yes _____ no _____

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: BA-2214
NR-listed district X yes Eligible district _____ yes _____ Name of District: Western Run - Belfast Road
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource X yes _____ no _____ Non-contributing but eligible in another context _____ yes _____

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible X yes _____ no _____

Criteria: _____ A _____ B X C _____ D Considerations: _____ A _____ B _____ C _____ D _____ E _____ F _____ G _____ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:
Maryland Historical Trust Library, Crownsville, Maryland

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The "Gent Store" in Butler Village was most recently observed and photographed in February, 2003. Its condition was relatively unchanged since the preparation of the State Historic Sites Inventory Form in the library of the Maryland Historical Trust, dated September, 1976.

The property is described in the following document located at the Maryland Historical Trust Library:

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form, by Catharine F. Black and James T. Wollon, Jr., September 1976.

The following observations were made during the February, 2003 visit to the property:

The Gent store, which dates from the mid-Nineteenth Century, has been well-maintained and exists as an active contributing resource to the Butler community. The integrity of its design remains intact, and it is considered eligible for registration under Criterion C: Design/Construction.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended _____
Criteria: X A _____ B X C _____ D Considerations: _____ A _____ B _____ C _____ D _____ E _____ F _____ G _____ None
MHT Comments

Contributes to NRHD

James Lee Tully
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

6/11/03
Date

Kimberly
Reviewer, NR Program

6/30/03
Date

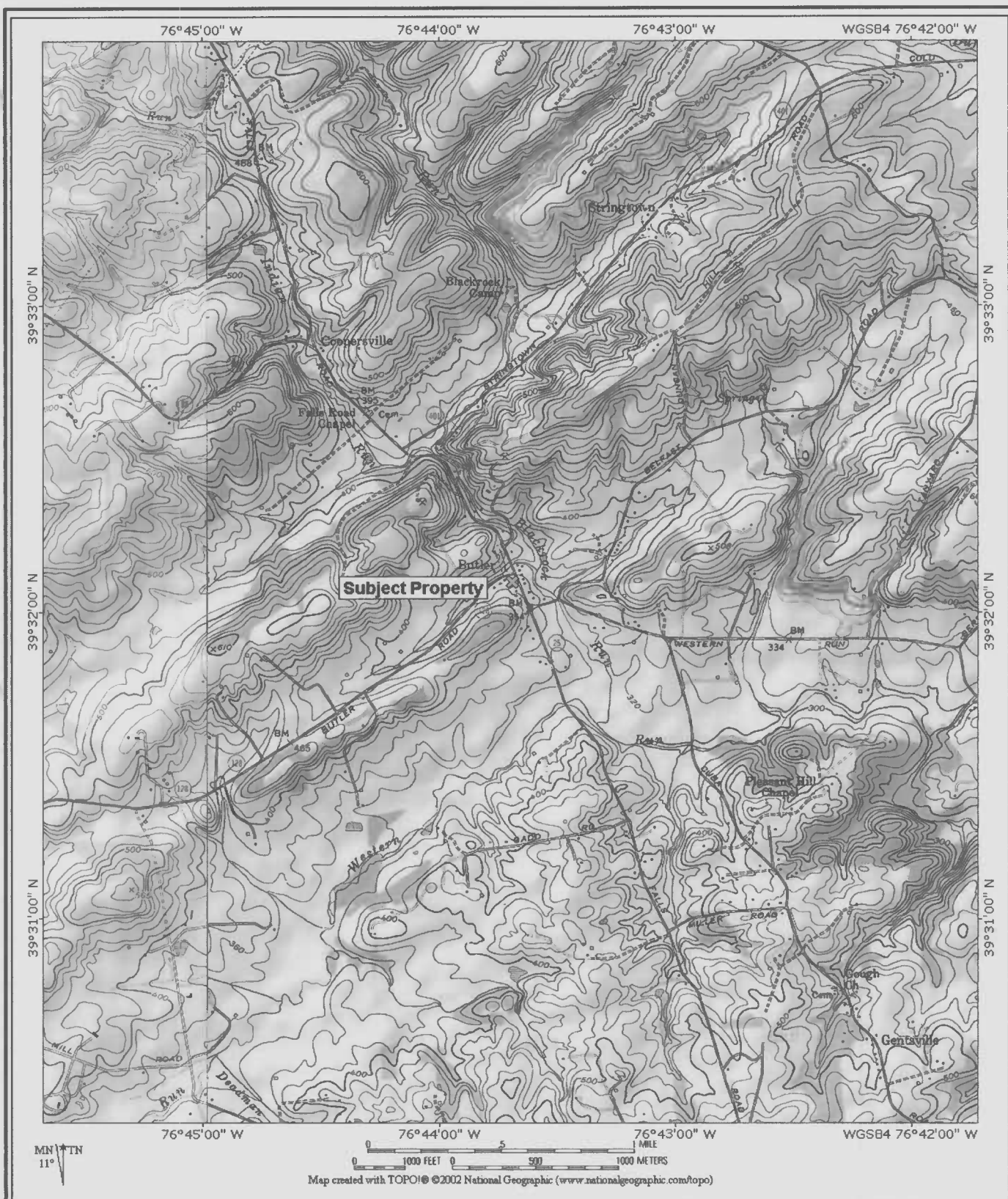
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

"Gent Store," Butler Village

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Prepared by: William C. Riggs, RA Date Prepared: 5/19/2003

**SITE VICINITY MAP**

Hereford Quadrangle, MD
(Dated 1991)
SCALE: As Shown



Determination of Eligibility
"Gent Store", Butler Village (BA-553)
Falls Road at Butler Road
Butler, Baltimore Co., Maryland 21023



BUTLER VILLAGE RA-553

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

TAKEN BY: KATHRYN ELGIN

DATE: FEB 2003

LOCATION OF NEGATIVE: MARYLAND SHPO

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Butler Village, Butler MD 21023

02/03



BUTLER VILLAGE BA-553 ("GENTLE TURE")

BALTIMORE Co., MD

PHOTO BY: K. E. E. E.

2/03

NEGATIVE LOC.: MD 511-0

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Butler Village, Butler MD 21023

02.03

Gent Store
Southwest corner of Falls Rd.
and Butler Rd.
Accessible
Circa 1850

This commercial property takes its name from the proprietor, Barbara Gent, who ran the store for nearly forty years. The structure combines a residence and place of business as did many rural stores of the mid-19th century. In addition, there were a wagon house and corn house on the property.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Gent Store

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Southwest Corner of Falls and Butler Rds.

CITY, TOWN

Butler

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Md.

COUNTY

Baltimore

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES- RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Gilbert S. Benson

Telephone #: 239-7660

STREET & NUMBER

Trenton Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Upperco

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 21155

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #: 5546

Folio #: 179

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Md.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Gent Store is a two storey frame structure six bays in length facing east, closely oriented to the Falls Road at its intersection with Butler Road. It has two rear wings, each with a shed roof perpendicular to the main structure. The northerly wing is one storey in height, one long bay in length, its taller north wall aligned and continuous with the north end of the main structure; an early addition to its north side repeats the same form in reverse, the two forming what appears at first to be a gable roofed addition, but the corner board in the west wall indicates this sequence. The southerly wing is two storeys in height, two bays in length, its taller south wall aligned with the south end wall of the main structure. The unbroken German siding of the south elevation indicates the southerly wing to be contemporary with the main structure. A one storey hipped roof porch extends across the principal east front and the entire south end, terminated at the southwest corner by a one-bay-square pantry south of the south wing's west bay, its roof a continuation of the porch's. Two single-flue brick chimneys rise internally at the roof ridge and a third rises centered on the west end of the southerly wing.

The principal entrance, a door with sidelights and transom, is in the east facade, through the bay south of center. A secondary

(see continuation sheet #1)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES Unknown

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This commercial property on the southwest corner of Falls Road and Butler Road, takes its name from the proprietor, Barbara Gent, who ran the store there for nearly forty years. The structure combines a residence and place of business as did many rural stores of the mid-nineteenth century.

The original owner was Samuel Shaul, a farmer whose large property was farther west on Butler Road. He rented the shop to a succession of people until his death in 1881 when the property was sold. An ad⁽¹⁾ for the sale lists, in addition to the store building, a dwelling house, wagon house and corn house. Located at a busy crossroads, the Gent Store has survived many years as the local gathering place, post office and shopping facility.

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In Judicial Liber 75, folio 283. Baltimore County Courthouse.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Sidney, J.C. Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland.
(Baltimore, 1850).

(see continuation sheet #3)
CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.09 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Catharine F. Black and James T. Wollon, Jr. AIA

ORGANIZATION

For Valleys Historical District Project

DATE

September 1976

STREET & NUMBER

1114 Bellemore Road

TELEPHONE

323-3798

CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

Continuation Sheet #1

Question #7 continued

entrance is in the second bay from the north end; another is in the north side of the northerly addition to the northerly wing; and finally another is in the south front of the southerly wing through its easterly bay. Windows throughout are 2/2 with louvered blinds and narrow beaded frames. All exterior walls are covered with German siding except the gables which are covered with wood shingles. The gable roof extends beyond all walls in a simple wide overhang.

A more recent one storey addition fills the small space between the two westerly wings.

The location and form of this structure suggests that it was built in the second half of the 19th century as a combined commercial and residential structure. The southerly wing was probably the residential kitchen wing, its pantry at the end of the porch an original feature. The northerly bays of the main structure, with the separate east front entrance, were probably the commercial areas of the structure, the northerly wing being the warehouse, itself requiring an early expansion to the north. The doors presently located in the north doorway of the northwest wing have removable shutter panels covering glass lights, a typical 19th century store door; these doors were probably at the principal east entrance to the store, originally.

(see continuation sheet #2)

Continuation Sheet #2

Question #7 continued

Exterior finishes and details suggest the entire structure was built at one time; it could date from two or more periods, however, if the last period of construction included a uniform refinishing of the whole. The details, such as the German siding, the 2/2 sash, the roof overhangs, the single-flue chimneys and the shingled gables, suggest the last quarter of the 19th century; the basic shape and form of the structure is timeless.

The interior of this structure was not examined.

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Gent Store

Valleys Historical District

Continuation Sheet #3

Question #9 continued

Hopkins, G.M. Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland. (Philadelphia, 1877).

Baltimore County Tax Assessments: 1876, 1896.

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Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation
BALTIMORE COUNTY
Real Property Data Search

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Account Identifier: District - 08 Account Number - 0801002026

Owner Information

Owner Name: MARYLAND SADDLERY INC Use: COMMERCIAL
Principal Residence: NO
Mailing Address: 14924 FALLS RD Deed Reference: 1) /12323/ 229
BUTLER MD 21023 2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address Zoning Legal Description
14920 FALLS RD BL 1.092 AC
14920 FALLS RD
SW COR FALLS RD

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:
33	8	53						81	Plat Ref:

Special Tax Areas Town
Ad Valorem
Tax Class

Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
1878	4,883 SF	47,567.00 SF	06

Stories	Basement	Type	Exterior

Value Information

	Base Value	Value As Of 01/01/2002	Phase-in Assessments As Of 07/01/2003	As Of 07/01/2004
Land:	295,100	295,100		
Improvements:	91,600	136,000		
Total:	386,700	431,100	416,300	431,100
Preferential Land:	0	0	0	0

Transfer Information

Seller: HARRISON T ROGERS	Date: 08/12/1997	Price: \$400,000
Type: IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH	Deed1: /12323/ 229	Deed2:
Seller: BENSON GILBERT S	Date: 06/10/1986	Price: \$387,000
Type: IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH	Deed1: / 7176/ 584	Deed2:
Seller:	Date:	Price:
Type:	Deed1:	Deed2:

Exemption Information

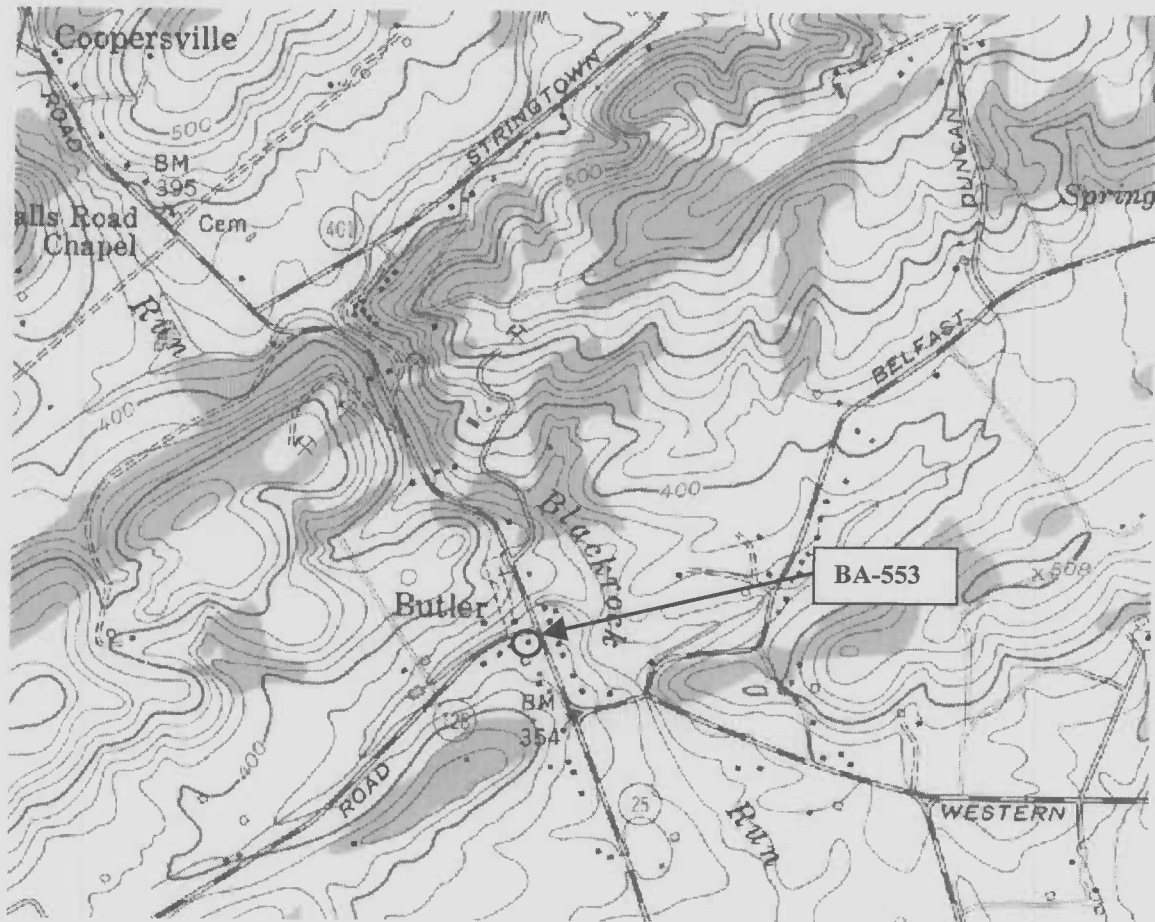
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County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

Tax Exempt: NO
Exempt Class:

Special Tax Recapture:

* NONE *

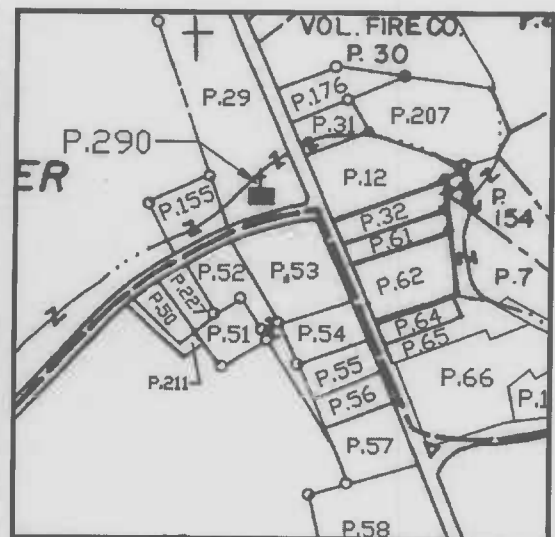
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 Gent Store (Butler Store)
 14920 Falls Road (MD 25), Butler
 Hereford Quadrangle



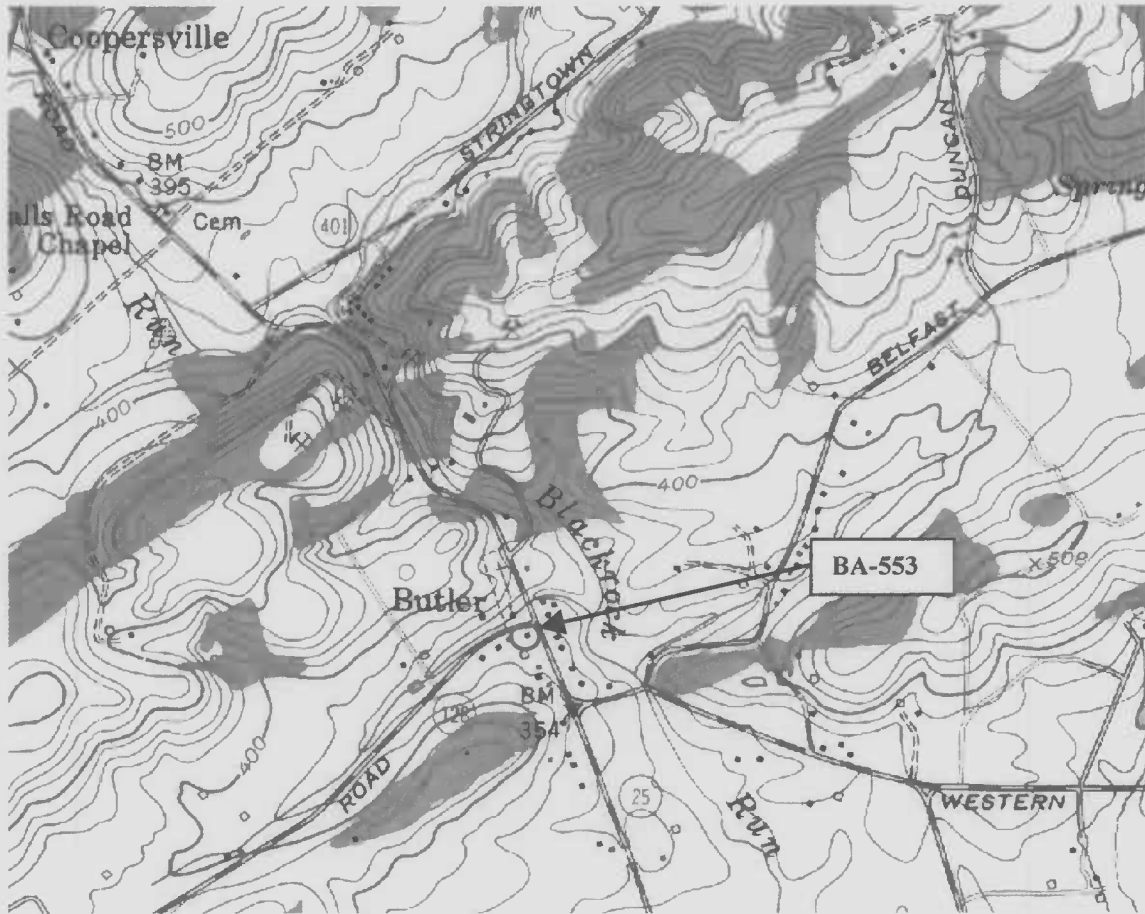
1993-95 Aerial Photo



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 Gent Store (Butler Store)
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 Hereford Quadrangle



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